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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/20/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-50.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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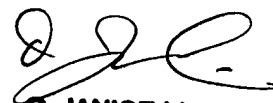
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the amendment filed April 20, 2005. Claims 1-50 are currently pending. All of the amendments have been thoroughly reviewed and entered. The previous rejections in the Office action mailed on 11/20/04 are withdrawn in view of the amendments and a granted petition.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kate H. Murashige on November 22, 2005.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A nude mouse model for progression of human neoplastic disease, the progression of said disease being characterized by growth of a primary tumor site and metastasis to secondary tumor sites, wherein said mouse [is characterized by having] has histologically intact human neoplastic tissue of at least 1 mm³ in size transplanted onto an organ of said mouse which corresponds to the human organ from which said tissue is originally obtained; and

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[having] has sufficient immuno-deficiency to allow said transplanted neoplastic tissue to grow at said primary site and metastasize to said secondary tumor sites, so as to [and] mimic the progression of the neoplastic disease including the metastatic behavior of said neoplastic disease in [the human donor] humans.

Claim 2. (currently nmended): A nude mouse model according to claim 1 wherein said neoplastic tissue is selected from breast tissue, ovarian tissue [or] and pleural tissue.

Claim 11. (currently amended): A method of generating a nude mouse model for progression of human neoplastic disease, the progression of said disease being characterized by growth of a primary tumor site and metastasis to secondary tumor sites, said method comprising:

transplanting histologically intact human neoplastic tissue of at least 1 mm³ in size [transplanted] onto an organ of a nude mouse which corresponds to the human organ from which said tissue is originally obtained; and

allowing said transplanted tissue to grow at said primary site and metastasize to said secondary tumor sites, so as to [and] mimic progression of the neoplastic disease including the metastatic behavior of said neoplastic disease in [the human donor] humans.

Claim 12. (currently amended): A method of generating a nude mouse according to claim 11 wherein said human neoplastic tissue is selected from breast tissue, ovarian tissue [or] and pleural tissue.

Conclusion

Claims 1-50 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Q. Janice Li** whose telephone number is 571-272-0730. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except every other Wednesday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Dave T. Nguyen** can be reached on 571-272-0731. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300**.

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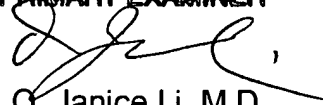
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